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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Official Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 12, line 2, change "8" to --10--.

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment and an early examination on the merits are respectfully solicited.